

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An electronic device comprising:

a case;

an electronics module contained by said case and including at least a processor and a memory configured to store a plurality of available mode settings for the electronic device;
and

an input mechanism configured to provide input commands to said processor, wherein said processor is configured to, based on said input ~~comments~~ commands, configure said electronic device to provide a custom mode setting for a subset of the plurality of available modes.

Claim 2 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said case comprises a digital watch case.

Claim 3 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said case comprises a personal electronic device case having a relatively small display and three or fewer selection buttons as said input mechanism.

Claim 4 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said electronics module further comprises a crystal oscillator that provides digital timing inputs to the processor.

Claim 5 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein the input mechanism comprises at least one selector button.

Claim 6 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 5, wherein said at least one selector button comprises three selector buttons.

Claim 7 (Original): The electronics device of Claim 6, wherein said three selector buttons comprise a mode button, a start/lap button, and a stop/reset button.

Claim 8 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said processor operates in a current operation mode sequence where the input mechanism is used to initiate functions of a current mode of the electronic device.

Claim 9 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said processor operates in a custom mode sequence where the input mechanism is used to select said subset of the available modes to be provided in a custom mode setting.

Claim 10(Original): The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said available modes comprise at least one of a chronograph, a recall, a timer, a time, an alarm, a date, and an EL backlight mode.

Claim 11 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 12, wherein said EL backlight mode provides backlighting for a display of said electronic device when the input mechanism is operated by the user.

Claim 12 (Original): The electronic device of Claim 1, wherein said input mechanism is configured to provide a reset of the electronic device to clear at least one setting of the electronic device.

Claim 13 (Original): A method of setting custom modes in an electronic device, comprising:

operating an input mechanism of the electronic device to initiate a custom mode setting sequence;

operating the input mechanism to select one of a plurality of available modes of operation of the electronic device; and

operating the input mechanism to toggle said selected mode on or off, wherein a mode toggled off is unavailable for use by a user of the electronic device.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of Claim 13, wherein said available modes comprise at least one of a chronograph mode, recall mode, countdown timer mode, time mode, alarm mode, date mode, and EL backlight mode.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of Claim 13, further comprising operating the input mechanism to enter a normal operation sequence of the electronic device, wherein the input device is repeatedly operated to sequentially display the toggled on modes on a display of the electronic device.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of Claim 15, further comprising selecting a mode of operation from said subset of modes.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of Claim 13, further comprising operating the input mechanism to perform a reset of the electronic device.

Claim 18 (Original): A computer-readable medium containing program instructions for execution on a processor, which when executed by the processor, cause the electronic device to perform the steps in the method recited in any one of Claims 13-17.

Claim 19 (Original): An electronic device comprising:
means for containing an electronic module, including at least a processor;
means for storing a plurality of mode settings;
means for inputting input commands to said processor, wherein said processor is configured to, based on said input commands, configure the electronic device to provide a custom mode setting for a subset of the plurality of available modes.